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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2007, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response. Applicants have previously obtained a three (3) month extension of time. In any event, if there is any extension fee due, and for any other fee deemed necessary in order to enter the amendment or otherwise consider this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for any fee. Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.